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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PUERTO RICO VERSUS KUWAIT

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1. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL I HAVE DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND HAVE DELIVERED AN AIDE MEMOIRE DESCRIBING IN DETAIL US POSITION ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE.

UNDER SECRETARY, PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS, ALLEGED AFTERNOON MAR 14 HE STILL HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW TEXT. NO COMMITMENT HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM GOK OTHER THAN PROMISE TO REVIEW MATTER THOROUGHLY.

2. ABOVE DISCUSSIONS RESULTED AT TIMES IN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE ON BLOC-VOTING. GOK OFFICIALS, INCLUDING UNDER SECRETARY, ARGUE FORCEFULLY THAT "HORSE-TRADING" IS ONLY WAY KUWAIT'S VOICE CAN BE HEARD IN INTERNATIONAL FORA AT SAME TIME ACKNOWLEDGING THAT SOME ASPECTS LIMA PROGRAMME, "INCLUDING PERHAPS PUERTO RICO," OF LITTLE REAL CONCERN TO GOK. ALL GOK OFFICIALS CLAIM SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF ISRAELI PROBLEM WILL IMPROVE GREATLY KUWAITI COOPERATION WITH US ON SUCH ISSUES.

3. UNLESS I OBTAIN SATISFACTORY RESPONSE FROM UNDER SECRETARY

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IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS, I INTEND TAKE UP MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

ON HIS RETURN FROM CURRENT VISIT TO CAIRO/DAMASCUS. MEANWHILE,
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT GOK IS ON NOTICE THAT USG EXPECTS IT TO
OPPOSE INCLUSION LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN LIMA PROGRAMME IN RECOM-
MENDATION OF NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING GROUP OR ELSEWHERE.
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